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In re Application of:

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Title: VERY HIGH ENERGY, HIGH
STABILITY GAS DISCHARGE LASER
SURFACE TREATMENT SYSTEM

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request an update of the present status of the above-identified patent application. It has been 18 months since this application was filed on 02/18/04 and Applicants have not yet received an Office Action.

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